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<b>SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE</b>  <b>Abortion, Euthanasia &amp; Alternatives</b> - <b>Human Engineering</b> - <b>Population Control</b>	<p>The source of human dignity is the likeness to God that is bestowed on each of us at the moment we are conceived. We respond appropriately to this gift by using all the time, talent, and treasure that God has entrusted to us to seek and grow closer to God, by sharing in His continuing act of creation and caring for those around us. Our first purpose is to seek God, especially in one another. Anything that interferes with that is contrary to the Word of God. <i>Genesis Ch. 1; Matthew Ch. 6, 22 &amp; 25</i></p> <p><b>"You shall not kill."</b> - <i>the 5th Commandment.</i></p> <p>The right to life "from conception to natural death is the foundation of all Catholic Social Teaching." - 155, <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church</i></p> <p>The solemn proclamation of human rights is contradicted by a painful reality of violations, including new forms of slavery such as trafficking in human beings, drug trafficking, prostitution. Serious problems remain unsolved: trafficking in children and the use of children for commerce in pornographic material. 158, 245 <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church.</i></p> <p><b>Human Engineering</b> An issue of particular significance is human cloning... Human cloning is contrary to the dignity of human procreation because it takes place in total absence of an act of personal love between spouse and represents a form of total domination over the reproduced individual on the part of the one reproducing. 236, <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church</i></p> <p>Everyone, man and woman, should acknowledge and accept his sexual identity. Physical, moral and spiritual difference and complementarities are oriented towards the goods of marriage and the flourishing of family life. -224 <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church</i></p> <p>Judgment concerning the interval of time between births, and the number of children, belongs to the spouses alone. the family.</p>	<p><b>Abortion, Euthanasia &amp; Alternatives</b> The Bloc: -believes that every person, first and foremost women, has the right to control their own body, and opposes any attempt to control or dispose of someone else's body. -defends the guaranteed fundamental right to contraception and abortion. - is in favor a dignified end of life for each person, in the way he or she chooses freely and in an informed manner.</p> <p><b>Human Engineering</b> The Bloc has released no direct official statement concerning its policies concerning or trafficking.</p>	<p><b>Abortion, Euthanasia &amp; Alternatives</b> The Christian Heritage party: -supports a policy of protecting all human life from conception. -believes that abortion is not a Charter-protected right. -states that many recent studies have shown a link between abortion and breast cancer. -supports defunding of abortion.</p> <p>The party states that killing innocent people is always wrong, and supports: -restoring protection from assisted suicide and euthanasia -better access to palliative comfort care. -conscience protection for health care professionals; no Canadian should be forced to violate his or her conscience.</p> <p><b>Human Engineering</b> -there are two biological genders: male and female. -biological gender is encoded in the chromosomes and cannot be changed by surgery or chemicals. -children must be protected from the LGBTQ "gender agenda" which ignores biological reality. -parents' rights to guide their children's social development must be protected from indoctrination in the school system. -taxpayers should not have to pay for "gender reassignment surgery", hormone blockers or other attempts to artificially change an individual's gender.</p> <p>The party has released no official statement of its policies concerning human trafficking.</p>	<p><b>Abortion, Euthanasia &amp; Alternatives</b> The Conservative party has stated that it will not support any legislation to regulate abortion. -states that the federal government should have appealed the Quebec Superior Court decision approving social assistance in dying ("MAiD" or "SAD"), rather than enacting a law with no safeguards that devalues human life. -has advocated reinstatement of the waiting periods and other precautions to ensure that people do not make rash decisions. -seeks repeal of Bill C-7 provisions allowing SAD for those with mental health challenges. -proposes doubling direct federal investment in palliative care, in view of an estimate by the Canadian Hospice and Palliative Care Association that under 30 percent of Canadians who need it have access to palliative care services</p> <p>The party has also advocated: -protecting the conscience rights of healthcare professionals, -encouraging faith-based and other community organizations to expand their provision of palliative and long-term care.</p> <p><b>Human Engineering</b> The party has released no official current statement of its policies concerning human engineering or trafficking.</p>	<p><b>Abortion, Euthanasia &amp; Alternatives</b> The Green party advocates restoring the Canada Health Accord to prioritize: -access to safe abortion services across Canada. -access to gender-affirming health services such as hormones, blockers, and surgery.</p> <p>The party has released no official statement of its policies on socially-assisted suicide or alternatives, including palliative care.</p> <p><b>Human Engineering</b> The party has released no official statement of its policies concerning human trafficking.</p>	<p><b>Abortion, Euthanasia &amp; Alternatives</b> The Liberal party states that: -"everything" must be done to protect Canadians' access to the full spectrum of sexual and reproductive health care services, including abortion care, as a free public health service. -sexual and reproductive rights, including the right to access safe and legal abortions are at the core of its foreign policy. -advocates penalizing provinces by reduced transfer payments if they fail to provide abortion and MAiD for everyone, everywhere. -proposes denying charity status to anti-abortion organizations (for example, Crisis Pregnancy Centres) that provide dishonest counseling to women about their rights and about the options available to them at all stages of the pregnancy. -was rebuked by the UN for expanding SAD ("MAiD") to the disabled, on grounds of discrimination.</p> <p><b>Human Engineering</b> -supports gender modification for youth and barred parental – provided up to \$10 million to youth-led organizations that respond to the unique sexual and reproductive health needs of young people.</p> <p>The party has released no official current statement of its policies concerning human trafficking.</p>	<p><b>Abortion, Euthanasia &amp; Alternatives</b> The New Democratic party believes in respecting peoples' rights to make their decisions about their own bodies and their own lives. It advocates: -safe, accessible abortion and reproductive health care services for everyone, by ensuring that the provinces make medical and surgical abortion available in all parts of the country, without barriers. -ensuring that full range of prescription contraceptive and reproductive health care options are easily available at no cost through Medicare and the party's proposed national pharmacare program.</p> <p><b>Human Engineering</b> The party supports the national action plan to ban conversion therapy for minors in Canada, and working with the provinces to ensure that there is equal access to gender confirming surgery across the country, covered by public health plans.</p> <p>The party has released no official current statement of its policies concerning human trafficking.</p>	<p><b>Abortion, Euthanasia &amp; Alternatives</b> The People's party states that Canada is one of the few countries in the world with no legal restrictions on abortion. Abortions can legally be performed at any stage. -advocates open, respectful, fact-based discussion on abortion, and challenges other parties to explain why they believe killing a healthy and viable unborn child is morally acceptable. -proposes an Act for Protection of Preborn Children, including gradual restrictions after the first trimester and prohibiting late-term abortions except in exceptional circumstances. -supports allowing MPs to vote on issues of abortion according to their conscience.</p> <p><b>Human Engineering</b> -children are never born in the wrong body. Children should be taught to accept themselves, not seek solutions through drugs and medical procedures. -advocates outlawing the use of puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and any form of bodily mutilation on minors with the goal of "transitioning" to another sex, and holding any person encouraging minors to "transition" criminally responsible for attempting to cause harm. -repealing the ban on helping minors who suffer from gender dysphoria accept their body imposed by Bill C-4, the "conversion therapy bill." - ending funding for groups that promote gender ideology.</p>

### Points to Ponder: Life & Human Dignity

Consider asking your riding's candidates the following questions, and discussing their answers with your family, friends, neighbours, coworkers, and fellow parishioners:

- What limits should be placed on voluntary termination of human life, either prior to birth or at any time before death? What alternatives to abortion or to socially-assisted death (SAD) should be offered?
- Is current national and provincial investment in palliative care (care which neither hastens nor postpones natural death, but is intended to relieve suffering, particularly when human accompaniment is available) for terminally ill individuals adequate? Are sufficient spaces for such care available to meet the needs of the province? Are we, as individuals and a Church, doing as much as we can to accompany the terminally ill on their journey back to God?
- Few of the parties have addressed human trafficking, which is recognized by the RCMP as a serious problem across Canada. What can be done to raise awareness end this grievous harm?
- Human engineering, for example in the forms of population control, cloning and cell manipulation, selective birth, and "gender assignment" procedures, is also of concern. What can or should we do, as a nation, a Church, and as individuals?



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<p><b>STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION</b></p> <p>Climate Change - Species &amp; Diversity - Sustainable Economy &amp; Natural Resources</p>	<p>God gave us dominion over the earth, thereby making us <b>stewards of creation</b> as we work with Him in His continuing act of creation. We must constantly consider how our actions protect or harm this glorious gift God has entrusted to us.</p> <p><b>Climate Change</b> “Today’s ecological crises, especially climate change, <b>threaten the very existence of the human family.</b>” – Pope Francis, <i>Laudato Si’</i> 217; address, Energy Transition summit, Vatican June 2019.</p> <p><b>Sustainable Economy</b> “Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue: <b>it is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience.</b>” -217, <i>Laudato Si’</i></p> <p><b>Species &amp; Diversity</b> “Each of the various creatures, willed in its own being, reflects in its own way a ray of God’s infinite wisdom and goodness. <b>Man must respect the particular goodness of every creature,</b> to avoid any disordered use of things which would be in contempt of the Creator and would bring disastrous consequences for human beings and their environment.” - 339, Catechism of the Catholic Church -humanity’s relationship with creation and the creatures of the earth “requires the exercise of responsibility, <b>it is not a freedom of arbitrary and selfish exploitation.</b>” - 115, Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church</p>	<p><b>Climate Change</b> The Bloc believes that Quebec’s future depends on an ecological and energy transition, starting with the economy. Transition should be fair for workers and communities. -decarbonizing is necessary.</p> <p><b>Sustainable Economy</b> -pollution should be costly, being green should be profitable. -Quebec should be sole manager of its clean, renewable energy sources. -climate justice and an ecological perspective must be at the heart of all government decision-making. -it supports Quebec’s expertise in green innovation - it supports maximizing the potential of the Quebec forest as a green industry to create jobs and contribute to meeting Quebec’s greenhouse gas reduction targets. -climate change and the decline in biodiversity are caused by human activity, must be contained and reversed.</p> <p><b>Species &amp; Diversity</b> The Bloc has released no statement concerning its policies regarding species and diversity.</p>	<p><b>Climate Change</b> The CHP states that: -it recognizes the responsibility to steward and care for the natural environment and will protect Canada’s air, soil and water from destructive contamination of man-made chemicals. -CO2 is not pollution; it is a beneficial natural gas needed by all plants. -CO2 as the cause of climate change is an unproven theory.</p> <p><b>Sustainable Economy</b> -carbon tax is a tax grab and will do nothing for the environment. -natural resources are given by God for the benefit of mankind. Human beings are stewards (caretakers) of these resources have the responsibility to manage and preserve them for the benefit of future generations -resources—whether renewable or non-renewable—must be harvested or extracted in a responsible manner, with a view to the future and to ensuring maximum lasting value for all Canadians.</p> <p><b>Species &amp; Diversity</b> -more research should be done into effective affordable, and less invasive alternatives in pest control, including assessment of studies indicating that certain man-made chemicals may be harmful to human, animal and soil health.</p>	<p><b>Climate Change</b> In recent policy documents the party states that protecting the environment has always been a core value. -supports meeting Paris climate commitments without taxes. -supports carbon pricing for consumers with no money for the government, including use of new Personal Low Carbon Savings Accounts to promote purchase of sustainable alternatives. -supports scrapping consumer carbon taxes.</p> <p><b>Sustainable Economy</b> -supports a zero emission vehicle mandate requiring 30% of light duty vehicles sold to be zero emissions by 2030; investing in EV and battery manufacturing. -controlling industrial emissions through regulatory frameworks of the EU and other trade partners. -advocates a Renewable Natural Gas Mandate with 15% of downstream consumption to be renewable by 2030 as in BC. -investment in low-carbon fuels and offset credits to improve carbon sequestration of agricultural lands and forests. -expand Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs). -strengthening and greening Canada’s electrical power grid. -supports Critical Mineral Strategy to promote responsible use of nation’s abundant resources. -conserve 25% of terrestrial lands through protected areas. -work with provinces to improve value recovery from plastics.</p> <p><b>Species &amp; Diversity</b> -restore healthy fish stocks for commercial, recreational, and cultural fisheries, putting conservation first, including a strategy to restore at risk Pacific salmon stocks.</p>	<p><b>Climate Change</b> Constitutionally incorporates the principle of Ecological Wisdom, including the need for humans to learn to live within the ecological and resource limits of the planet. -the human duty to protect animal and plant life, along with earth, water, and air. - where knowledge is limited, humans should take the path of caution on behalf of present and future generations. - that the climate crisis is already here, but governments continue pushing fossil fuel projects.</p> <p><b>Sustainable Economy</b> -Canada can lead the world in clean energy, with abundant wind and water power available. -it proposes to create a Youth Climate Corps, hiring young Canadians to help communities become climate-ready. -big companies have made climate change worse and should help fix it. Allocation of public money to oil and gas companies should be replaced by investment in clean energy. -big polluters should be held responsible for climate damage they have caused. - it recognizes that sustainability will not be possible as long as poverty persists. The rich must limit their consumption to allow the poor their fair share of the earth’s resources. -the roles and responsibilities of trans-national corporations should be revised to support sustainable development.</p> <p><b>Species and Diversity</b> -humans, as animals, should respect all other species as we respect ourselves.</p>	<p><b>Climate Change &amp; Sustainability</b> States that Canada’s natural heritage is under threat from climate change and unsustainable development, and from US policies aimed acquiring at Canada’s land, water, and resources. It advocates: -aggressive energy and resource projects that are in the national interest, including kickstarting the clean energy supply chain; accelerate exploration and extraction; fast-track review of new projects for environmental impact and Indigenous concerns. -build East-West electricity grid. -create at least 10 new national parks and marine conservation areas, and 15 new urban parks. -supports Indigenous stewardship be establishing a new Arctic Indigenous Guardians program, and funding Indigenous-led projects. -advocates protecting the nation’s freshwater by investing \$100 million in R&amp;D for water security technology. -proposes enshrining First Nations’ right to water into law. -work with nature to implement nature-based climate solutions for carbon sequestration and biodiversity while supporting community resilience.</p> <p><b>Species &amp; Diversity</b> -cleaning up, maintaining, and protecting wildlife in and around coastal waters, including by investing an additional \$15 million to modernize the location, retrieval, and responsible disposal of the ghost gear threatening marine mammals and birds. -champion nature conservation internationally, including by stopping illegal wildlife trade across borders with modern digital solutions.</p>	<p><b>Climate Change &amp; Sustainability</b> In policy statement, the party states that Canada faces a choice between allowing Big Oil to profit while families pay the price, or taking bold climate action that protects jobs, lowers bills, and builds a better future for everyone. -advocates eliminating public subsidies and tax breaks for oil and gas companies, saving \$18 billion over 10 years, and putting the savings to work for Canadians through a major home retrofit program, including retrofitting 3.3 million homes with energy-saving upgrades, including free retrofits for 2.3 million low-income households and grants or low-interest loans for 1 million more, thereby cutting energy bills by up to \$4,500 a year for families across Canada; supporting Canadian-made solutions like heat pumps and construction materials to boost local manufacturing.; and creating thousands of good union jobs in installation, auditing, and retrofitting through partnerships with colleges and union training centres. -it further advocates fiscal measures including ending the Consumer Carbon Tax for good; keeping the industrial carbon price; keeping the emissions cap in place and protect workers during the transition; and introducing a Border Carbon Adjustment so that overseas polluters don’t undercut Canadian workers and clean industries like Canadian steel and cement stay competitive.</p> <p><b>Species and Diversity</b> The party has published no statement of its policies regarding species and diversity.</p>	<p><b>Climate Change &amp; Sustainability</b> The party believes that -it is an undisputed fact that the world’s climate has always changed and will continue to change. There is no scientific consensus on the theory that CO2 produced by human activity is causing dangerous global warming. -CO2 is beneficial for agriculture and there has recently been a measurable “greening” of the world in part thanks to higher levels. CO2 is not a pollutant - there is no compelling reason to jeopardize our prosperity with more government interventions.</p> <p>The party advocates: -withdrawal from the Paris Accord and abandonment of unrealistic greenhouse gas emission reduction targets. -stopping the transfer of billions of dollars to developing countries to help them reduce their emissions. -abolishing the carbon tax and leaving it to provincial governments to adopt programs to reduce emissions if they want to. -abolishing subsidies for green technology and let private players develop profitable and efficient alternatives. -countering anti-oil and anti-pipeline propaganda from radical environmentalists and foreign foundations. -repealing bills C-48 and C-69. -approving pipelines projects using a streamlined process.</p> <p><b>Species and Diversity</b> The party has published no statement of its policies regarding species and diversity.</p>

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<p><b>FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND THE COMMON GOOD</b></p> <p>Role of the Family - Health Care - Elder Care - Education &amp; Young Workers - Culture, Arts &amp; Tourism</p>	<p><b>The Role &amp; Development of the Family</b></p> <p><i>"Honour your father and mother." – the 4th Commandment</i></p> <p>The family is where education begins and the Word of God is first nurtured. The priority of the family over society and the State must be affirmed. – 209-214, <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church</i></p> <p><b>Health Care</b> Among the causes that greatly contribute to underdevelopment and poverty, mention must be made of illiteracy, lack of food security, the absence of structures and services, inadequate measures for guaranteeing basic health care, and the lack of safe drinking water and sanitation. -166, 447 <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church</i></p> <p><b>Support for the Elderly</b> If the elderly are in situations where they experience suffering and dependence, not only do they need health care services and appropriate assistance, but and above all they need to be treated with love. - 222 <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church</i></p> <p><b>Education</b> Young people should be taught to act upon their own initiative, to accept the responsibility of facing a rapidly changing world – 289, 290 <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church</i></p> <p><b>Culture, Arts &amp; Tourism</b> We forget that “there is no worse form of alienation than to feel uprooted, belonging to no one. A land will be fruitful, and its people bear fruit and give birth to the future, only to the extent that it can foster a sense of belonging among its members.”– <i>Fratelli tutti</i>, –51-53</p>	<p><b>Role of the Family</b> The Bloc has released no official statement concerning the role of the family in society. -is delighted by the ever-increasing role played by women in the job market and wants to see all glass ceilings shattered. -it favors concrete measures to promote work-family balance.</p> <p><b>Health Care</b> -favors a solidly funded social safety net for all Quebecers, including universal healthcare. -states that mental health is a national and enduring crisis of unprecedented proportions. -demands decriminalization of the use and possession for personal consumption of all drugs.</p> <p><b>Support for the Elderly</b> -states that the standard of living and purchasing power of seniors are being severely affected by inflation, rising interest rates, and federal government discriminates against pensioners aged 65 to 74.</p> <p><b>Education &amp; Young Workers</b> -believes that accessible, effective and well-funded education in the national language is at the heart of Quebec's future. -recognizes that young people are a great assets and should have a greater role in Quebec's collective development.</p> <p><b>Culture, Arts &amp; Tourism</b> -fights tooth and nail for seasonal industries such as tourism, fishing and forestry in both public and private forests. -believes that sport should be the sole responsibility of the Quebec nation.</p>	<p><b>Role of the Family</b> The party believes parents are the best caregivers of children, and childcare is no substitute. Children do best in homes having a mother and a father. –marriage means commitment between a husband and a wife and provides the most stable environment for raising children. -advocates restoring the legal definition of marriage; reducing divorce and the necessity of one couple maintaining two homes. –restrain state interference in family matters except in cases of obvious and provable child abuse –restraint of state interference in matters which are within parental jurisdiction. –making stay-at-home parenting more affordable.</p> <p><b>Health Care</b> -urges emphasis on preventive care and alternative medicine, less on Big Pharma. -opposes legalization of marijuana and eliminating “safe injection sites”</p> <p><b>Support for the Elderly</b> -states that CPP and OAS are inadequate for meeting the needs of Canada's seniors. -advocates a new Personal Income Security Account to give Canadians control over their own employment pension funds.</p> <p><b>Education &amp; Young Workers</b> -states that children must be protected from harmful ideologies such as gender fluidity, links between CO2 and climate change, economic socialism, etc. -public education should be focused on essential career skills such as: math, science, literary skills and history</p> <p><b>Culture, Arts &amp; Tourism</b> -advocates defunding CBC in view of its reporting on abortion, gender confusion and assisted suicide.</p>	<p><b>Role of the Family</b> The party notes the importance of the family unit to society and sees Canada as the most family-friendly country in the world. It advocates more funding for child care, to help women enter the workforce; expanding the Canada Child Benefit to begin at the 7th month of pregnancy, and a national strategy and awareness campaign for adoption.</p> <p><b>Health Care</b> - advocates boosting the Canada Health Transfer and ensuring that ICU credentials are transferable.</p> <p><b>Support for the Elderly</b> -advocates a Seniors Care benefit paying \$200 / month for families caring for a parent over 70, and an increased home care Tax Credit, and doubling the Canada Workers Benefit for seniors who choose to work past retirement. -pension protection in employer bankruptcies.</p> <p><b>Education &amp; Young Workers</b> -increase affordability of post-secondary education, including federal contributions to RESPs.</p> <p><b>Culture, Arts &amp; Tourism</b> -states that cultural industries unite Canada and create over 765,000, jobs; advocates: -continue construction of the Trans-Canada Trail; -update the Broadcasting Act to deal online reality, and reviewing the mandate of CBC news. -a royalty to compensate local news sources for sharing of content on social media. -a new Canadian Heritage Preservation Fund for restoration of historical monuments and heritage buildings. -apply the French Language Charter to federally regulated businesses operating in Québec, and strengthening the Official Languages Commissioner.</p>	<p><b>Role of the Family</b> The party believes that caring for each other makes our whole society stronger, and undertakes to get everyone the support they need. It advocates: -universal, affordable early learning and child care. -expanding paid leave to include elder care, miscarriage, and other family needs. -making college and university free so students can learn without going into debt. -a Guaranteed Livable Income, so no one lives in poverty.</p> <p><b>Health Care</b> -the public health system needs to be stronger, to ensure family doctors for all and affordable medicines for seniors and others.. -as for-profit corporations are taking over more health services and threatening the universal public health system, it advocates well-funded universal health care system that puts people first, not profits. -advocates access to reproductive care across Canada. -investing in public health care instead of allowing for-profit corporations to deliver more services.</p> <p>The party advocates: -making medicines free for everyone through universal pharmacare. -providing dental care for more Canadians who can't afford it. -covering mental health care and ensuring it is available everywhere.</p> <p><b>Education &amp; Young Workers</b> The party advocates creation of a Youth Climate Corps to help communities become climate-ready, and a nationwide civil defence corps focused on responding to climate disasters. -abolishing post-secondary education tuition.</p>	<p><b>Support for the Family</b> The party advocates paid leave for workers in federally regulated sectors who experience a pregnancy loss, and for parents planning to have a child through adoption or surrogacy. -\$10 a day child care and Canada-wide early learning.</p> <p><b>Health Care</b> -allocated an additional \$141.8 billion for healthcare to expand coverage over the over the next ten years. -to extend dental coverage to all Canadians, allocated \$17.4 billion over five years, and \$23.1 million to Statistics Canada to collect data on oral health.</p> <p><b>Education &amp; Young Workers</b> -to assist 750,000 post-secondary students who rely on federal assistance each year, eliminated interest on Canada Student and Apprentice Loans. Proposes to increase Student Grants by 40 per cent, up to \$4,200. -increase limits on certain RESP withdrawals to \$8,000. –allocated \$447.5 million to increase federal summer jobs placements to 120,000.</p> <p><b>Culture, Arts &amp; Tourism</b> - invested in communities to address systemic discrimination against racialized Canadians, Indigenous Peoples, persons with disabilities, women, and 2SLGBTQI+ persons. -the relative size of Francophone minority communities is declining even in Quebec; so allocated \$3.8 billion to implement Action Plan for Official Languages. -provided \$123.2 million to boost Francophone immigration. -as less than half of Canadians meet minimum national physical activity guidelines, allocated \$10 to Participaction program. -supported local and community media.</p>	<p><b>Support for the Family</b> The party seeks a future where families feel secure and hopeful. -it advocates: –allowing 30-year mortgages to reduce payments and allow more families to buy homes. –doubling the home-buyer's tax credit to \$1500. -cutting taxes for workers and families by raising the basic personal amount to \$19,500. -permanently removing GST from groceries and other essentials -doubling the Canada Disability Benefit raising the Guaranteed Income Supplement for seniors. -investing \$1 billion dollars per year in inclusive day care.</p> <p><b>Health Care</b> -to increase availability of primary care, adding 1% to the Health Transfer, hiring doctors, seeking immigration of American doctors, and pan-Canada licensing. -continued development of dental care and pharmacare. –standing up to privatization.</p> <p><b>Support for the Elderly</b> –establishing a national seniors strategy to address health care and poverty, and reduce isolation, and address poverty in seniors.</p> <p><b>Education &amp; Young Workers</b> –working to reduce tuition fees. –making post-secondary education a part of the public education system, tuition free.. –banning unpaid internships.</p> <p><b>Culture, Arts &amp; Tourism</b> –taxing internet media companies to level the field for Canadian content providers. –increased funding for CBC and Radio-Canada. –stable, long-term funding for arts and cultural institutions. –financial support for Indigenous theatre at the National Arts Centre. –income averaging in taxation of artists and cultural workers.</p>	<p><b>Role of the Family</b> The party has published no statement.</p> <p><b>Health Care</b> The party states that Canada is among the OECD countries that spend the most on health care, with little to show for it due to the government monopoly. All other OECD countries except the US have mixed private-public systems. -advocates repeal of the Canada Health Act and creating conditions for provincial and territorial governments to set up mixed private-public universal systems. –repeal of vaccine mandates to prevent harm such as was caused during the COVID pandemic, while supporting emergency provincial measures to protect the most vulnerable</p> <p><b>Culture, Arts, &amp; Tourism</b> The party states that a nation must be based on a sense of belonging, of participating in a common national project, and sharing the same values. -distinct Canadian values include democracy; individual rights and freedoms, including freedom of religious belief and freedom to criticize religion; equality between men and women; equal treatment of citizens regardless of ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation; the rule of law; separation of state and religion; tolerance and pluralism; and loyalty to the wider society instead of to one's clan or tribe. -it advocates repeal of the Multiculturalism Act and eliminating funding to promote multiculturalism, and substantially lowering the total number of immigrants and refugees Canada accepts every year, ensuring that candidates answers question regarding the extent to which they align with Canadian values and societal norms.</p>

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<p><b>AN ECONOMY AT THE SERVICE OF ALL PEOPLE</b></p> <p>The Dignity of Work</p> <p>Poverty Reduction &amp; Housing</p> <p>Labour Unions, Employment</p> <p>Industries, Corporations &amp; Consumers</p>	<p><i>Do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear... seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.” Matthew 6:25-33</i></p> <p><b>Money must serve, not rule!</b> —Pope Francis, <i>Joy of the Gospel</i>, 57-58</p> <p><b>The Dignity &amp; Importance of Work</b> The use of one’s gifts to seek and serve God necessarily includes work, by which humans cooperate with God in God’s continuing act of creation. Work is a source of the conditions for a decent life can be an effective tool against poverty. But work should not be an idol. It is God and not work who is the origin of life and the final goal of man. But dignified work is not readily available for all who seek it. 274–289, <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church</i></p> <p><b>Poverty Reduction</b> The poor and the marginalized and in all cases those whose living conditions interfere with their proper growth should be the focus of particular concern. What we do to the least among us, we do to Christ. —182, <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church</i>; <i>Matthew 25:31-46</i></p> <p>“Helping the poor financially must always be a provisional solution in the face of pressing needs. The broader objective should always be to allow them a dignified life through work”. —Pope Francis, <i>Laudato si’, 128</i></p> <p><b>Unions &amp; Workers’ Rights</b> The demands of competition, technological innovation and the complexities of financial fluxes must be brought into harmony with the defense of workers and their rights. — 313, <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church</i>.</p> <p><b>Industries, Corporations, Consumers</b></p> <p><b>You shall not covet your neighbor’s goods.</b> — the 10th Commandment</p> <p>The development of economic activity and growth in production are meant to provide for the needs of human beings. Economic life is not meant solely to multiply goods produced and increase profit or power; it is ordered first of all to the service of persons, of the whole man, and of the entire human community. — 2426, <i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i></p>	<p><b>Economy to Serve People</b> Seeks local control of Quebec economy, to benefit Quebecers and promote resilient, sustainable and equitable development. -supports free trade if controlled by Quebec. Opposes dominance by multinationals. -sees housing as a fundamental right, including adapted housing for people with disabilities. -supports home ownership for the middle class and young adults.</p> <p><b>Labour, Unions, Employment</b> -irrevocably committed to collective representation for workers. The economy serves people, not the other way around. -supports remuneration sufficient for support wellbeing as part of a right to happiness. -sees seasonal, self-employed, and arts workers, and foreign workers as regular employees. -seeks protection of retirement funds a continuing option to work after 65.</p> <p><b>Industries &amp; Consumers</b> -supports forestry in Quebec, and sustainable agriculture, seeks short supply chains, reclamation of devalued farm-land, and supply management. -supports government intervention to help unique Quebec industries in cheese, beverages and art, and start-ups that work in French and respect the Quebec Charter. -wants reform of Competition Act to prevent price abuse. - supports supply management and green agriculture. -supports sustainable fishing. -supports protecting flora, fauna and waterways that are the face of Quebec regions and draw tourism, including caribou, right whales, the copper redhorse, and chorus frog. -supports Quebec support of resources and development of regional transportation.</p>	<p><b>Dignity of Work</b> The party sees work as good. People are happiest when they work and contribute to society. -advocates equal pay for equal work, no mandated affirmative action or hiring quotas; protecting essential services from strikes.</p> <p><b>Poverty Reduction, Housing</b> -says that Canadians must always be ready to care for those in poverty through no fault of their own. Those capable of working should be encouraged to do so; taxpayers ought not to be forced to support those unwilling to work. It also strongly opposes corporate welfare, e.g. federal grants to businesses. -to make housing affordable, it party advocates reducing foreign purchases of homes, businesses and farmland; reducing divorce and the necessity of one couple maintaining two homes. -supports making stay-at-home parenting more affordable</p> <p><b>Industries &amp; Consumers</b> -a nation that cannot feed itself cannot survive. The party advocates development of a national food strategy —making food production a high national priority —promotion of family farms -supply management is not perfect but supports Canadian producers and consistent supply of high-quality food products..</p>	<p><b>An Economy to Serve People</b> The party states that everyone deserves a stable, well-paid job.</p> <p><b>Labour, Unions &amp; Employment</b> -double Workers’ Benefits and disability supplement; increase EI sickness benefits to 52 weeks; support relocating workers. -require gig employers to contribute to CPP and EI funds into portable Employee Savings Accounts every time they pay their workers, so that the money will grow tax-free. —ensure priority of pension holders and workers’ severance in bankruptcy, instead of investors. -support union training programs -double the Apprentice Tax Credit.</p> <p><b>Trade War</b> -retaliate against tariffs by targeting American goods: * goods Canada can make * goods Canada doesn’t need * goods available elsewhere -putting most money from the into relief for workers hardest hit. -immediately implement a massive Bring It Home Tax Cut on work, investment, energy, homebuilding and domestic production to boost the economy and stop inflation while saving and creating thousands of jobs. -scrap C-69 and greenlight LNG plants, pipelines, mines, factories, and port expansions. -to promote the biggest home-building project ever, immediately remove all red tape and taxes on housing construction. -get the provinces to work together to remove trade barriers and create a national free market. —rebuild the military and retake control of national borders.</p> <p><b>Housing</b> Build 1 million homes in three years by federal investments for transit and infrastructure; release of federal property; incentives for builders.</p>	<p><b>Economy to Serve People</b> The party’s constitution lists Social Justice as a key principle, for equitable distribution of social and natural resources to meet basic human needs and to ensure opportunities for citizens to develop fully. - advocates just organization of the world and a stable world economy to close the widening gap between rich and poor. -since recent events show that Canada cannot rely too much on others, advocates, greater national self-reliance, including Canadian manufacturing to make essential products here at home.</p> <p><b>Poverty Reduction, Housing</b> -housing is a human right, but families can’t afford them because they are being bought up by big companies. It proposes building of housing by the government that costs no more than 30% of their regular income. -it proposes a Guaranteed Livable Income, in addition to universal post-secondary education, pharmacare, dental care, and child care.</p> <p><b>Labour, Unions, Employment</b> The party undertakes to build an economy that works for people, not polluters, including: -clean power projects that create thousands of good jobs. -a national electrical power grid. -a nation-wide retrofit program for buildings and homes. -innovation for clean technology and climate adaptation. -to help workers with change caused by transitioning to clean energy, it proposes training for new jobs, and support strong unions to protect workers’ rights, and easing movement between provinces for skilled workers. -to protect people through shift to green energy and AI, the party proposes implementation of a Guaranteed Livable Income.</p>	<p><b>Economy to Serve People</b> In response to US tariffs, the party advocates building the strongest economy in the G7, including: -make Canada the world’s leading energy superpower, in clean and conventional energy. -strengthen national energy security; trade diversification; and long-term competitiveness. -increase worker supports, especially in essential industries; promote trade apprenticeships. -double funding for union training and innovation programs. -promote labour mobility for skilled trades people between provinces and tax relief for relocated workers. —use of quality-of-life index rather than focus just domestic product.</p> <p><b>Poverty Reduction &amp; Housing</b> -build 500,000 new affordable homes per year for a decade, using Canadian technology, mass timber and softwood, and new apprenticeship opportunities. -incentives to use heat pumps and climate adaptation processes in new homes. -raise Canada Pension Plan benefits up to 50 per cent -raise Canada Workers Benefit for the lowest-paid workers to up to \$1,428 for singles, or \$2,461 for a family, plus \$737 for workers with disabilities. -permanently eliminate interest on Canada Student Loans, with no payments until borrowers earn at least \$40,000 per year.</p> <p><b>Labour, Unions, Employment</b> -prohibit use of replacement workers during strikes or lockouts. -improve employment insurance for gig and self-employed workers.</p> <p><b>Industries &amp; Consumers</b> -use the Competition Act, etc. to strengthen protections against hidden prices and promote right to repair.</p>	<p><b>Economy to Serve People</b> The party advocates creating 300,000 new jobs with a new climate action deal, ensure that public money is spent only on clean and sustainable projects. -enshrine legal right to housing. -build 3 million homes by 2030 &amp; protect existing rentals. -implement national rent control, ban fixed-term leases, renovation and price-fixing; permit long-term, low-interest mortgages. -pilot national basic income, set \$15 minimum wage. -add foreign buyer’s tax on sales of homes to non-residents. —ensure priority of pension holders and workers entitled to severance in bankruptcy, rather than other investors.</p> <p><b>Labour, Unions, Employment</b> —360 hour threshold for worker benefits, reform EI system. —extend parental leave benefits; sick leave benefits to 50 weeks. —protect whistleblowers &amp; ban use of replacement workers during labor disputes.</p> <p><b>Consumers</b> —help cities transition bus fleets to electric, develop fare-free transit. -implementing telecom and consumer bill of rights including right to repair electronic devices. —requiring financial institutions and advisors to provide advice that is in the best interest of the investor, rather than the bank. —enabling competition bureau to proactively investigate anti-competitive activity.</p> <p><b>Industries &amp; Consumers</b> —convene summit to attract investment and jobs in automotive, manufacturing, IT; &amp; clean economy; incentives for zero-emissions vehicles -develop national food strategy; protect supply management.</p>	<p><b>Economy to Serve People</b> The party says that the only two ways to create more wealth and prosperity are to work more or more efficiently. Investment to improve production efficiency is critical to improve living standards. -large immigration quotas are driving down standard of living in a stagnant Canadian economy. -government intervention will not help. Instead, it advocates eliminating corporate subsidies; reduce corporate income taxes to 10%, and reduce capital gains tax, and end mass immigration.</p> <p><b>Housing</b> -to promote affordable housing, it advocates substantially reducing immigration quotas to about 100k-150k people per year. -reducing inflation targets for the Bank of Canada from 2% to 0%. -privatizing or dismantling the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)</p> <p><b>Agriculture</b> -advocates creating a free, open, and fair system that will save Canadians billions of dollars annually by phasing out the supply management system over a number of years to allow farmers to adapt, and compensate them for the lost value of their quotas. — allow Canada’s dairy, egg and poultry farmers to thrive and sell their products internationally.</p>

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<p><b>RIGHTS &amp; RESPONSIBILITIES</b></p> <p>Civil Liberties - Human Rights - Participation &amp; Subsidiarity</p>	<p><b>Civil Rights &amp; Liberties</b> To each person's right there corresponds a duty in all other persons... Those who claim their own rights, yet neglect to carry out their duties, are people who build with one hand and destroy with the other. (<i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church</i>) Recognized civil rights include: - freedom from racial discrimination - freedom of conscience and religion - freedom of speech - gender equity - the right to private property 171-276, 295-433, <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church</i></p> <p>Recognized human rights include: - right to life from conception to natural death. - right to live in a united family and in a moral environment conducive to the growth of a child's personality. - the right to develop one's intelligence and freedom in seeking and knowing the truth. - the right to work, to derive from work means to support oneself and one's dependents. - the right freely to establish a family, to have and to rear children through the responsible exercise of one's sexuality. - rights to adequate housing, clean water, and secure, nutritious food; education and access to culture, transportation, basic health care. – 151-166 <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church</i></p> <p><b>Individual Responsibilities</b> <i>Subsidiarity</i> Each element of society should serve its proper purpose, and support others in serving theirs, without encroaching on the other's responsibilities. One consequence of this principle is that each individual, and smaller groups of people, should be allowed to make for themselves all the decisions that can responsibly be left to them, rather than to larger groups or greater authorities. This is one of the fundamental social teachings of the Church, as it helps to ensure that each individual is empowered to find his or her own way to God. The political community is established to be of service to civil society. The family is the paramount element of society.</p>	<p><b>Civil &amp; Human Rights</b> The party states that French is at the heart of Quebec's national identity, and always will be Quebec's common language. -the historic English minority must be protected in its historic institutions, but always subject to preserving and strengthening the national character of the Quebec state. - each Aboriginal language is national to them, and that they must be able to speak their own language. -all human beings are equal. -pay equity must be achieved without compromise, violence against women and girls must be ended. -a woman's body belongs to her and her alone, and that this right must be guaranteed. Abortion and contraception are fundamental rights. - opposes all forms of discrimination, particularly with regard to diversity and sexual orientation, and supports the LGBTQ+ community. -the best way to protect religious freedom is for the state to have none at all. The responsibility of the State is not to promote religion, but to enable people to live freely according to their beliefs or non-beliefs. -opposes prayer in the House of Commons, oaths on the Bible, oaths to a monarch who is also a religious leader, and all religious manifestations in the management of state affairs. -opposes censorship, culture of annulment, intimidation, humiliation and popular tribunals that replace the justice system, particularly on social networks and under the cloak of anonymity. -supports press freedom and the independence of journalists at all times.</p>	<p><b>Civil &amp; Human Rights</b> The party acknowledges: –the right to life from conception to natural death –freedom of speech –equal treatment under the law –opposes frivolous “human rights” cases; taxpayers’ money should not be used to promote the agenda of special-interest groups -freedom to practice religions that are not harmful to others. Does not condone female genital mutilation, honor killings, forced marriages, multiple wives, etc. –favors restoration of protection from assisted suicide and euthanasia. It opposes killing the patient rather than the pain –supports better access to palliative comfort care, and conscience protection for health care professionals. no Canadian should be forced to violate his or her conscience. -supports the right to arms. When guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns. Violent crime is the problem, not firearms.</p>	<p><b>Civil &amp; Human Rights</b> The party advocates: -protecting the conscience rights of health care professionals and encouraging faith-based and other community organizations to expand their provision of palliative and long-term care. -ensure that public post-secondary institutions accommodate the range of perspectives that make up Canada by committing to free speech and academic freedom. -criminalize online statements that encourage violence against people identifiable groups, protect speech, criticism, and argument that do not encourage violence. -secure opportunities for women by boosting child care and support to care for aging parents; support for work and business training; stamping out sexual harassment. -legislate to protect online privacy. -promote market in 7-10 year mortgages for first-time buyers. -oppose taxation of capital gains on the sale of principal residences. -recognize safe drinking water as a fundamental human right, including for Indigenous communities.</p>	<p><b>Civil &amp; Human Rights</b> The party's constitution states that it honours cultural, linguistic, ethnic, sexual, religious and spiritual diversity within the context of individual responsibility toward all beings. -defends the right of all persons, without discrimination, to an environment supportive of their dignity, bodily health, and spiritual well-being. -promotes the building of respectful, positive and responsible relationships across lines of division in the spirit of a multi-cultural society. -recognizes the rights of indigenous peoples to the basic means of their survival, both economic and cultural, including rights to land and to self determination. -recognizes the rights of ethnic minorities to develop their culture, religion and language without discrimination, and to full legal, social and cultural participation in the democratic process. -recognizes and respects sexual minorities, and equality between women and men in all spheres of social, economic, political and cultural life. -recognizes the right of young people to distinct needs and modes of expression. -supports LGBTQ+ rights and access to gender-affirming health care. -opposes racist practices in policing and law enforcement. -supports making online platforms fully responsible as publishers, including legal responsibility for everything they publish, and programs that teach people to spot false information. -opposes discriminatory practices in public services.</p>	<p><b>Civil &amp; Human Rights</b> -allocated \$85 million for new Anti-Racism Strategy; -\$100 million for Federal 2SLGBTQ+ Action Plan; -\$200 million to establish an endowment for sustainable funding for Black communities; -up to \$265 million for the Black Entrepreneurship Program; -\$21.5 million to enhance legal help for racialized communities -implemented an Accessible Canada Act to realize a barrier-free Canada for persons with disabilities by 2040. - \$25.4 million to fight anti-Indigenous racism, anti-Black racism, anti-Asian racism, antisemitism, Islamophobia. -established regulations under the Canada Health Act to ensure there is no question, that no matter where someone lives, they have access to publicly available sexual and reproductive health services. –advocates denying charity status to anti-abortion organizations. -record investments to support women and gender diverse people, including \$160 million to organizations that serve women.</p> <p><b>Subsidiarity: Civil Society</b> –provided \$200 million in support to nearly 3000 food banks and local food service organizations. –provided \$100 million to women's shelters, sexual assault &amp; gender-based violence centers. -provided \$185 million the Canadian Red Cross for humanitarian work.</p>	<p><b>Civil &amp; Human Rights</b> The party supports innovative models of community policing. –supports dedicated hate crime units in all major cities, and a national working group to counter online hate. –seeks a clear, permanent path for resettlement of LGBTQ/2S+ refugees. –supports adding sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression to the Employment Equity Act. –seeks ban on racial carding by police. –create a national task force to respond to systemic over-representation of Indigenous and Black Canadians in federal prisons. –comprehensive review of the racialized wage gap. –prioritizing ending gender-based wage discrimination; ensuring that women's organizations have stable funding, develop a national action plan to end gender-based violence, fund shelters. –introduce legislation to encourage political parties to run more women candidates -advocates a national school nutrition program, to give every child in Canada access to healthy food and nutrition information. –a national food policy and food waste strategy. –support Indigenous-led water management and on-reserve emergency management training programs and water.  The party has published no statement regarding its policies concerning freedom of conscience or religion.</p>	<p><b>Civil &amp; Human Rights</b> The party opposes Diversity, Equality, Inclusion ideology for prescribing special, harmful treatment for minorities in violation of Section 15(1) of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. -advocates abolishment of all federal DEI programs and policies in the public service and institutions such as the Armed Forces, as well as to federally regulated industries. -supports Canadians discriminated against, harassed, or harmed in any way by organisations that impose DEI. -advocates restricting the definition of hate speech in the Criminal Code to explicit advocacy of force against identifiable groups or persons based on protected criteria such as religion, race, ethnicity, sex, or sexual orientation. -supports repeal of regulation curtailing free speech on the internet and reinstatement of section 13 of the Canadian Human Rights Act. -seeks abolishment of all public funding to Canadian media and insuring that they are completely independent and free from government influence. -opposes discrimination against Canadians because of their moral convictions. -opposes federal funding for any post-secondary institution violating freedom of expression of students or faculty.</p>

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<b>SOLIDARITY</b>  Support for the Marginalized - Indigenous Peoples - Rural Communities - Immigration & Newcomers	<p><b>Solidarity</b> is commitment to the good of one's neighbour. <b>The good of one is the good of all, and the other is as important as the self.</b></p> <p><b>Disabilities, Mental Health, Addictions</b> Persons with disabilities are to be helped to participate in family and social life at every level accessible to them and according to their possibilities... They too need to love and to be loved. – 148, <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church</i></p> <p><b>Indigenous Peoples &amp; Reconciliation</b> The relationship of Indigenous peoples to their lands and resources is a fundamental expression of their identity. The Canadian Catholic Church supports the work of the Truth and Reconciliation commission. The Church is called to support thriving Indigenous communities, cultures and traditions.</p> <p><b>Northern &amp; Rural Communities</b> Too often, social services and infrastructure suffer from neglect in rural areas. Agricultural labour merits special attention, considering the many problems that need to be met in the context of an ever more globalized economy as well as its growing significance in protecting the environment. Radical urgent changes are needed in order to restore to agriculture its just value as the basis for a healthy economy... – 299, 300, 363, <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church.</i></p> <p><b>Immigrants &amp; Newcomers</b> Ideally, unnecessary migration ought to be avoided. Yet until substantial progress is made in achieving this goal, we are obliged to respect the right of all individuals to find a place that meets their basic needs. We are called to welcome immigrants and refugees with generosity and good will, as if they were Jesus Christ himself. <i>Matthew, Chapter 25</i></p>	<p><b>Solidarity</b> The Bloc believes that all people have the right to health, safety and dignity at every stage of their lives. It favors a solid, adequately funded social safety net for all Quebecers, including free, universal and public healthcare.</p> <p><b>Indigenous Peoples</b> -both Quebec and Canada must develop nation-to-nation relations with Aboriginal peoples. -supports moves towards greater autonomy for indigenous communities, in the spirit of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. -supports repeal of the Indian Act in favor of agreements between equals, and response to the Truth &amp; Reconciliation Commission.</p> <p><b>Rural Regions &amp; Industries</b> The Bloc states that: -it is committed to promoting each of Quebec's regions, including more incentives for the next generation of farmers, young people growing up in the regions, and new Quebecers who choose to live there. -it supports the health and future of Quebec agriculture and mariculture. -it supports development of cultural initiatives outside the major centers, such as regional festivals, which offer Quebecers unique experiences.</p> <p><b>Immigrants &amp; Newcomers</b> -immigration is crucial to its development and future of Quebec. However, it opposes the mismatch between federal and Quebec policies that jeopardize the French language and culture of Quebec, as well as the cultures and languages of Aboriginal peoples. It maintains that Quebec must have full authority over immigration.</p>	<p><b>Indigenous Peoples</b> The party states that the Indian Act is outdated and must be replaced with legislation recognizing prior occupancy by first peoples. -supports restitution, where and as appropriate. -supports reconciliation leading to full participation in Canadian society for all Canadians.</p> <p><b>Rural &amp; Agricultural Communities</b> -states that a nation that cannot feed itself cannot survive. -it advocates development of a national food strategy. -making food production a high national priority. -support and encouragement for the institution of the Family Farm.</p> <p><b>Immigrants &amp; Newcomers</b> The party states that: -the Canadian government MUST protect Canadian citizens. Citizen safety is the first responsibility of government. -Canada's border MUST be respected and entry must be restricted to those coming in legally through official ports of entry. -immigration is a privilege, not a right. -all immigrants must be thoroughly vetted and must declare and demonstrate their loyalty to Canada and to Canadian values. -ONLY Canadian citizens should be allowed to vote or hold office.</p>	<p><b>The Marginalized &amp; Vulnerable</b> The party advocates overhauling disability supports and benefits so that it does not cost people with disabilities money to work. -provide \$80 million per year more to communities and small businesses to provide accessibility. -fund an additional million Canadians per year to receive mental health care. -pilot funding non-profits and charities to deliver mental health and wellness programming. -make recovery the primary goal of addictions treatment.</p> <p><b>Indigenous Peoples</b> -recognize Indigenous and treaty rights, work as nation-to-nation partners to resolve challenges. -train young Indigenous leaders including through mentorship. -support National Action Plan to address violence against Indigenous women and girls. -\$1 billion in funding to boost Indigenous mental health and drug treatment programs.</p> <p><b>Northern &amp; Rural Communities</b> -allow territories to set their own borrowing limits. -build eco-tourism in Northern parks &amp; proceed with major northern infrastructure projects. -divert government advertising funds from big foreign tech companies to regional media. -add a sentencing consideration for rural offences.</p> <p><b>Immigrants &amp; Newcomers</b> -clear immigration backlogs with fee-based processing acceleration. -increase capacity for claims -rework the Temporary Foreign Workers Program to better align it with domestic needs. -replace replacing public, government-assisted refugee placements with private and joint sponsorship. -make the Rainbow Refugee Assistance Project permanent.</p>	<p><b>The Marginalized &amp; Vulnerable</b> The party states that now is the time to decide whether Canada will live up to its promise of a just society in the years to come. -political leadership is responsible for building cohesion within society by seeking common ground, celebrating diverse identities, and discouraging polarisation.</p> <p><b>People with Disabilities</b> Party states that full participation for people with disabilities is not optional but a right. It advocates: -revising the Disability Tax Credit so it's easier to apply and more people, and fixing and funding the Canada Disability Benefit to lift people out of poverty. -enforcing clear rules about supporting disabled workers. -building affordable, accessible housing that for everyone. -creating a national fund to provide important tools like wheelchairs and communication devices.</p> <p><b>Indigenous Peoples</b> The party advocates taking real steps toward justice, including: -acting on every Call to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. -acting on every Call for Justice from the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry. -fixing the justice to put fewer Indigenous people in prison. -restorative justice programs that help both victims and offenders. -supporting Indigenous communities searching former residential school sites. -supporting Indigenous rights and leadership by putting the UN Declaration on Indigenous Rights into action, respecting Indigenous consent on decisions about their lands, supporting an Indigenous-led end to the Indian Act, and ensuring that Indigenous voices help shape national decisions.</p>	<p><b>The Marginalized &amp; Vulnerable</b> The party: -allocated \$1.6 billion per year for persons with severe and mental and physical impairments. -\$5 billion to increase mental health and addiction services. -\$800 million to support a compassionate response to the opioid crisis and its stigma. -provided safe consumption sites for tens of thousands of people dealing with substance use issues.</p> <p><b>Indigenous Peoples</b> -has worked for reconciliation, including allocation of \$29 billion for child welfare services, including \$6.4 billion help First Nations children through Jordan's Principle and \$5.9 billion for education on reserve. -\$5.7 billion to address water and wastewater infrastructure gaps.. -\$4 billion to support housing on reserve. -\$991 million for culturally sensitive First Nations policing. -signed updated Self-Government Agreements with Métis Nations. -allocated \$2.2 billion toward the Federal Pathway to Address Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQIA+ People.</p> <p><b>Northern &amp; Rural</b> -allocated \$45.9 for doctors and nurses who choose to practice in rural and remote communities. -\$333 million to establish a dairy innovation fund, to increase revenues for dairy farmers. -\$108 million to increase local tourism opportunities. -\$34.1 million to help farmers reduce fertilizer use.</p> <p><b>Refugees &amp; Newcomers</b> -approved 500,000 new permanent residents per year to help address labour shortages. -allocated \$43.5 million to maintain federal support for immigration and refugee legal aid services for asylum seekers.</p>	<p><b>The Marginalized &amp; Vulnerable</b> The party advocates adoption the UN Convention on Persons with Disabilities. -review of income programs for Canadians living with disabilities. -expansion of equal-opportunity programs for the disabled</p> <p><b>Indigenous Peoples</b> -full adherence to the UDNRIIP and Calls to Action of the TRC. -Indigenous self-governance, health self-determination, and jurisdiction over child welfare. -implementation of First Nations, Métis, &amp; Inuit housing strategies. -equitable access to education. -Indigenous history programs for all, based on TRC Calls 62 and 63. -investing in Indigenous social enterprise and entrepreneurship. -address violence against Indigenous women, discretion for judges at sentencing &amp; bail procedures, and focus on restorative justice. -Indigenous participation in climate-change decisions; expand the Indigenous Guardian Program; more Indigenous-managed areas.</p> <p><b>Rural Communities</b> -improved in-person government services in rural communities. -affordable rural wireless and broadband internet access. -postal banking. -affordable transit for all areas. -tax credits for graduates who stay in Northern communities.</p> <p><b>Immigrants &amp; Newcomers</b> -immigration policies rooted in fairness, respect, and dignity. -ensuring that immigration policies respond to labour force needs and recognize experiences, contributions, and ties to Canada. -ending the cap on sponsoring family members. -ending the backlog of asylum seekers and working with communities to resettle refugees -suspending the Safe Third Country agreement with the US.</p>	<p><b>Indigenous Peoples</b> The party states it is not possible to address all reconciliation issues in the context of an election platform. The indigenous population of Canada is extremely diversified. Its 600 communities and account for about 5% of Canada's population. -advocates prioritizing response on the basis of its four key principles of freedom, responsibility, fairness, and respect. -the lack of real private property on reserves is in part responsible for the poor state of housing and the social ills that derive from it, and should be addressed. -Indigenous communities should take more ownership of the services they receive, to increase fairness in what they receive.</p> <p><b>Immigrants &amp; Newcomers</b> -the primary aim of Canada's immigration policy should be to economically benefit Canadians and Canada as a whole, not to forcibly change the cultural character of the country. Nor should it put excessive financial burdens on the shoulders of Canadians in the pursuit of humanitarian goals. -recent governments have supported an irresponsible and unsustainable increase in immigration levels, which has led to an explosion problems, including a total of almost 1.3 million foreigners. -Canada's immigration policy can benefit Canadians only if the nation welcomes the right kind and the right number of immigrants. -advocates a moratorium on new permanent residents until the housing crisis has cooled down, the negative economic impact of mass immigration has been neutralized, and social and cultural disintegration, along with substantial reform of immigration policy.</p>

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<b>GOOD GOVERNMENT: DEMOCRACY, JUSTICE &amp; PEACE</b>  Role & Purpose of Government  Stewardship & Reform  Provinces, Territories, Municipalities  Peace, International Relations  Defense  Public Safety	<p><b>The Proper Role of Government</b> The purpose of government is to support the authentic development of all souls that it governs: to facilitate their search for the truth, which is God. This includes providing an appropriate legal and economic framework, including respect for the dignity the human rights of all.</p> <p>-in the absence of general consensus on values, the deepest meaning of democracy is lost and its stability is compromised. -elected representatives are obliged to give account of their work on behalf of the public. -if there is no ultimate truth to guide and direct political action, then the manipulation of ideas and convictions can easily turn democracy into totalitarianism.</p> <p><b>International Relations</b> Coexistence among nations is based on the same values that should guide relations among human beings: truth, justice, active solidarity and freedom.</p> <p><b>Global care for the environment</b> It is important that the international community draw up uniform rules that will allow States to exercise more effective control over abuse of the environment and the protection of ecosystems. Such rules must promote growing sense of responsibility as well as an effective change of mentality and lifestyle.</p> <p><b>Displaced Persons &amp; Humanitarian Aid</b> It is essential to seek out the causes underlying wars so that the causes of forced migration can be addressed.</p> <p><b>Finance</b> If the creation of the “global capital market” has brought benefits... on the other hand it has also increased the risk of financial crises. The more the worldwide economic-financial system reaches high levels of organizational and functional complexity, all the more priority must be given to the task of regulating these processes, directing them towards the goal of attaining the common good of the human family.</p> <p><b>Sources:</b> 158, 368-371, 498, 515, <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church</i></p>	<p><b>The Role of Government</b> The party supports democracy even over its own interests. -seeks all opportunities to make Quebec an independent country. -supports lowering the voting age to sixteen (16) and abolishing the Senate and office of Governor General.</p> <p><b>Finance, Accountability, Reform</b> -seeks accountability, transparency, and responsibility. -opposes government contracts with corrupt companies. -demands an end to tax havens for businesses and the wealthy. -supports whistle-blowers -opposes partisan appointment of judges from donor lists; supports mixed financing of political parties -private financing gives big donors too much power. -honors the heritage of the Quiet Revolution, without denying the Church’s historical contribution.</p> <p><b>Intergovernmental Relations</b> -seeks control of federal tax collection and use in Quebec; and direct relations between Quebec and all countries and provinces. -opposes interference beyond UN definitions of universal rights in domestic choices of other nations. -accepts climate change as the greatest challenge in international relations and a driver of forced migration. -believes that Canada must do more to support women's rights around the world.</p> <p><b>Criminal Justice &amp; Public Safety</b> -sees the rule of law the best guarantee of justice and believes no one is above the law. -opposes use of taxpayers' money to fund legal challenges to duly adopted Quebec laws. -believes that the country's courts and judges must render justice based on the laws passed by the legislature, and not to act in place of elected legislators. -seeks balance in rehabilitation and retribution.</p>	<p><b>The Role of Government</b> The party opposes tax-supported payments to political parties as campaign funds, and exclusion of political parties from debates. -supports changing first-past-the-post voting, opposes non-citizens voting or holding office. -advocates election of Senators by provinces, with each province having the same number. -supports defunding CBC and opposes media bias against Christians.</p> <p><b>Finance, Accountability, Reform</b> The party notes that the national debt is over \$690 billion, and costs approximately \$70 million per day in interest. It advocates paying the debt and mandatory balancing of the national budget. -private financing of the federal income tax with tax on purchases. -supports opening all government expenditures to public scrutiny and listing of salaries over \$100k. -supports public recall for all politicians and high-level bureaucrats.</p> <p><b>International Relations</b> Advocates Canadian leadership in clean water, energy and justice, NOT abortion, gender confusion and debt. -rejects radical Islam as a threat to Western democracy. - supports Israel and supports its rights to exist and defense. - supports the right of nations to restrict imports or apply tariffs, but that nations sharing a border should avoid tariffs and trade restrictions between them. Punitive tariffs often result in harmful trade wars.</p> <p><b>Defense &amp; Public Safety</b> - Canada must have armed forces capable of defending its borders and interests. -advocates equal treatment under the law, Restitution and Public Safety. - supports gun ownership.</p>	<p><b>The Role of Government</b> Government is to protect lives and property; ensure opportunity and prosperity; protect citizens and borders.</p> <p><b>Finance, Accountability, Reform</b> -with COVID over, it’s time to pay debt and end tax evasion. -toughen the Conflict of Interest Act and penalties for corruption. -close lobbying loopholes; protect whistleblowers. -register foreign principal agents. -allow provinces to elect Senators.</p> <p><b>Provinces &amp; Territories</b> -more autonomy for Quebec, including control of immigration; end federal interference. -reform transfer payments.</p> <p><b>International Relations</b> - alliances with allies who share our values, promote trade &amp; democracy worldwide. Retaliatory tariffs, promote self-reliance. -stand up to China. -champion human rights, dignity, transparency; advance Canada’s interests, security, &amp; sovereignty. -update defence policy for new reality, including stronger Arctic presence in view of Russian and Chinese activities. -support defence of Ukraine, visa-free travel for Ukrainians.</p> <p><b>Security and Public Safety</b> -Defence &amp; CAF to address data and cybersecurity, extremism; foreign interference in elections. -end discrimination &amp; harassment in CAF; revive university Officer Training Programs. -coordinate veteran benefits; treat veterans and families respectfully.. -promote deterrence and rehabilitation in criminal justice. Tougher sentences, restitution &amp;, education to fight domestic violence and gangs. Criminalize statements that encourage violence. -promote national climate adaptation and strategies.</p>	<p><b>The Role of Government</b> The party seeks democracy in which all citizens have rights to express views and participate in political decisions which affect their lives. -advocates access to all relevant information required for any decision. -promotes youth involvement in every aspect of political life; lowering the voting age to 16. -transparency, truth, and accountability in governance. -electoral systems based on proportional representation, limits on corporate and private donations, and per-vote subsidies so small parties can compete with big parties. -ending ‘revolving door’ hiring of and contracting with lobbyists. -protecting whistleblowers.</p> <p><b>Finance, Accountability, Reform</b> -advocates closing loopholes to make big business fair taxes and increased taxes for the ultra-wealthy. -universal, affordable early learning and child care, and paid leave for elder care, miscarriage, and other family needs. -free college and university -Guaranteed Livable Income.</p> <p><b>International Relations</b> The party advocates removing the causes of war by understanding and respecting other cultures, ending racism and global poverty. -general, complete disarmament.</p> <p><b>Security &amp; Public Safety</b> The party states that recent events have shown the nation can’t rely too much on other countries. Canada must defend itself and promote peace, with strategies to protect the Arctic, stop cyber attacks, and build national resilience to disasters. -supports making essential products at home, to create good jobs, and ensuring that government contracts go to Canadian manufacturers first.</p>	<p><b>The Role of Government</b> Government is to protect, enhance lives of all Canadians, promote democracy, federalism and the rule of law. Party values education and skepticism.</p> <p><b>Finance, Accountability, Reform</b> -says deficits during COVID were expansive, but well funded and time-limited. Says federal debt to remain above 50% of GDP until at least 2026; considers that a relatively low national debt. -ensure everyone pays fair taxes, including banks and the wealthy. -to help families, reduce lowest marginal tax bracket by 1 percentage point. -broke proportional voting promise after the 2019 election. No current reform proposal.</p> <p><b>International Relations</b> -supports democracy globally; promotes equality and human rights; defends rules-based international order. -opposes invasion of Ukraine; providing financial &amp; military assistance. -protecting supply chains and economy from trade practices of other countries to make the economy more resilient. Resist global integration and Chinese domination of supply chains.</p> <p><b>Security &amp; Public Safety</b> -allocated \$48.9 million to RCMP to address foreign interference. - \$55 billion over 20 years for national defence, including 88 F-35 fighter aircraft at a cost of \$26.3 billion, for delivery by 2026. -hosts NATO Climate Change and Security Centre in Montreal. -seeks reform of reviews for bad convictions, public safety officer trauma, and financial crimes. -allocated \$48.1 million to update climate disaster strategy. -\$257 million to address systemic discrimination and gangs. -\$238.5 million for body cameras RCMP to address accountability.</p>	<p><b>The Role of Government</b> Seeks peace, equality, justice for all, sustainable prosperity; diversity and the common good.</p> <p><b>Finance, Accountability, Reform</b> -close tax havens and loopholes for corporations and ultra-rich. Return corporate rates to 2010 levels; raise capital gains to 75%, top margin to 35%; 1% wealth tax. -sell tax-free bonds to empower citizens to guide economic response to US tariffs. - raise basic personal amount to \$19,500; remove GST from essentials like food and diapers. -supports responsible debt management: borrow as needed &amp; balance when prudent; use 10-year focus in setting priorities. -supports mixed-member proportional representation; lower voting age to 16. -hold social media responsible for fraud and threats, hate speech, and foreign interference. -reduce federal contracting. -increase conflict-of-interest penalties and enforcement.. -abolish the Senate.</p> <p><b>International Relations</b> -base foreign policy on human rights, multilateralism, and global best interests. -protect workers, jobs, &amp; health care from US tariffs. -support disarmament; oppose use of Canadian-made weapons in conflicts abroad. -seek fair two-state solution for Israel &amp; Palestine; support UN 2030 Development Goals; international rights of women. -enforce high standards of corporate social responsibility.</p> <p><b>Security &amp; Public Safety</b> -ensure CAF is properly equipped and trained. -fair veterans’ benefits. -community policing, hate crime units; gun control. Shield youth from extremism. Emphasize restorative justice; judicial discretion in sentencing.</p>	<p><b>The Role of Government</b> The party’s principles are freedom, responsibility, fairness, and respect. It believes that a nation must be based shared values and a sense of belonging to a common national project.</p> <p><b>Finance, Accountability, Reform</b> Canada’s debt of \$1.324 trillion is unsustainable, causing inflation and higher interest rates, and amounts to a deferred tax on our children and grandchildren. -it supports aggressive cuts in spending, a balanced budget, and lower taxes by ending and cutting foreign aid, climate change programs, CBC/Radio-Canada and other media support</p> <p><b>Provinces and Territories</b> The party supports cutting equalization payments, as they encourage provincial dependence and inefficiency, and under section 91(2) of the Constitution, updating inter-provincial trade rules.</p> <p><b>International Relations</b> -supports foreign policy focused on the security and prosperity of Canadians, rather than ideology, including working closely with allies to maintain peace and avoid conflicts and withdrawing from all UN commitments.</p> <p><b>Defense &amp; Veterans’ Affairs</b> -supports reinstating the fair disability pension previously provided for by the Pension Act, and a line-by-line review of the New Veterans Charter.</p> <p><b>Public Safety</b> The party advocates confirming the rights to self defence and to own firearms.</p>

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## Points to Ponder

### Family, Community & the Common Good

- In what circumstances, if any, is it appropriate for governments to place limits on the right of parents to make decisions pertaining to the care or education of their children?
- Some political parties have suggested that in order to maximize gross economic return, full participation by all eligible workforce members, including all parents – whether members of single- or two-parent families – is critical, so that economic return can be maximized. In order to achieve that, they say, it is necessary to ensure that free child care and early education be made available to all families.
  - Which is more important for children: a stable and dignified home with loving parents, one of whom might be available to stay home part or full time, or maximized economic returns? To the extent that being home with a parent is best for a child, how can that be encouraged by society?
- In a publicly-funded healthcare system, does there exist any obligation for an individual to take reasonable measures to avoid health issues (e.g., wearing a mask during a pandemic, or a helmet while riding a bicycle), so as to avoid becoming a burden to the healthcare system when preventable illness or injury occurs? If so, what can or should be done about it?
- Pope Francis has spoken of “ideological” or “cultural” colonization, in the process of which the popular and dominant values of the powerful are imposed on local populations. When decisions are made by governments regarding the purpose of investments injected into arts and culture, who is being consulted? Whose voices are being listened to?

### Solidarity

It is always important, as Archbishop Donald Bolen of Regina has said, “to listen to the voices of the suffering, to be guided by them in how we respond and to be ready to engage with them in moving forward.” (Catholic Register 18 July 2021)

- Who, in Canada and around the world, is suffering now? What should be done about it? By whom?

### Indigenous Rights & Reconciliation

How can the provincial government and the Church work together to facilitate real reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, so that all Canadians can benefit from re-established right-relationships?

### Mental Health & Addictions

Several parties have proposed decriminalization of drug dealing and drug possession, in order to focus on the treatment of addiction as a health care issue. Is it possible to both relieve an overburdened criminal justice system and help more individuals heal and recover from addictions? If so, what might a helpful approach look like?

### Refugees & Newcomers

What is being done to ensure that refugees and newcomers are safe, healthy, and enabled to flourish in Canada?

### Northern & Rural Communities

What is being done to ensure healthy rural or remote life in Canada? Who should do it?

### Rights & Responsibilities

It is clear that the nation and the provinces owe citizens great respect for each of a broad range of human rights. But with rights come responsibilities. What responsibilities do individuals have toward their communities, the nation, and the world?

- To what extent are citizens called to:
  - participate in society, for example through informed voting, continued engagement with candidates and elected representatives, and keeping up responsibly with the news?
  - lend a hand to their neighbours, for example by volunteering at home or within the community?
- Under what conditions, if any, is it morally right to require health care providers to participate in morally questionable practices such as abortion or assisted death, when it is contrary to their understanding of morality or their religious beliefs?

In addition to human and civil rights, many parties speak of things residents of Canada and others “deserve.”

- How do the parties determine what citizens do or do not deserve? What criteria do they apply?

### Stewardship of Creation

Many voices, including scientists, the Vatican, and the United Nations, agree that climate change is real and that immediate action is required if catastrophic consequences are to be avoided. Other voices insist that while the climate may be changing, any change is naturally cyclic and humans are having no effect.

- Given that it is possible that science and the Vatican may be right, and that if so the lives and well being of the entire planet, including our children and all future generations, might depend upon threatened supplies of breathable air and drinkable water, what if anything would the Christian virtue of Prudence suggest about our current and future practices, as a nation, a Church, and as individuals?

### An Economy for All

#### Poverty Reduction

- “The poor you will always have with you,” Christ warned. Why would Christ say that? Is it possible that the poor will always be with us so that we, the living body of Christ on earth, will always have an opportunity to glorify God by examining the meaning and the causes of poverty, and working to eliminate them, even if we may not succeed?
- How can Canada best strike a balance between the principles of solidarity – ‘we’re all in this together’ – and subsidiarity – ‘everyone should do what he or she can to support themselves, before burdening others’?
- What, if anything, should be done to ensure that a dignified living wage, capable of providing a dignified home and the ability to support a family, is available to all those willing to work? Should a basic income policy be considered?

#### GDP & Well-Being

For decades, governments have focused exclusively on gross domestic product – a measure of an economy’s sheer productivity – as the best measure of national social health. More recently, voices have begun to advocate for a broader index of national well-being, to include factors such as the physical and emotional health of the people and the environment, equity in housing, income, and opportunity, and food security, in addition to raw production.

- Which of these measures of national well-being is most consistent with Catholic values?
- Is it reasonable to demand continuous economic growth, as business schools have taught for decades?

### Good Government

#### The Role and Purpose of Government

Catholics have definite ideas about the purpose of life and, arising from that purpose, the proper roles of civil society, government, and other social institutions. Are those ideas shared by most Canadians? If not, how can or should we share our ideas with other Canadians?

The Government of Canada recently published a “Framework for Quality of Life” (<https://www160.statcan.gc.ca/infosheet-infofiche-eng.htm>), and instructed ministries to apply it in developing federal policies.

- To what extent is the Quality of Life framework consistent with the principles and values of Catholic social teaching?
- To what extent does, or should, a Quality of Life framework apply to provincial governance as well we federal?

#### Truth, Respect & Good Governance

It is an unfortunate and nearly universal practice for our political parties, in framing their platforms and policy statements, to focus at least as much on what’s wrong with the other parties as they do on what’s right about themselves. How can we, as citizens and voters, help encourage parties to look for common ground, speak positively and constructively about one another, and voice their suggestions for improvement in respectful and collaborative terms?

#### Fiscal Responsibility

Prior to the year 2000, the government of Canada carried debt of less than 10% of gross domestic product (GDP). From 2000-2015, the ratio grew to approximately 30%. Since 2019, it has grown to 40-50% with a prediction that it will begin to diminish in 3-6 years. However, the predicted date of diminishment never seems to arrive – each year, it is pushed out another year further.

- Is it fair or even sustainable for a government to carry so much debt?
- Who gains from long-term government debt, and who loses?
- In the event of default, who gains?

